

CLAIMS

(This list supersedes all prior versions/listings of claims in this application)

1 (amended) A reading table, including:

a tabletop having front, back, left, and right ends, said front end supported on and connected to a frame for pivotal movement up and down among selected inclined positions;

said frame similarly having front, back, left, and right ends, and including a framework of generally orthogonal frame members supported on front and back legs, said front legs connected at their top ends to said frame for pivotal movement between "normal" forward positions and "pushed-back" positions ~~whereby said front legs are adapted to pivot from said "normal" forward positions to said pushed-back positions~~ when said table is pulled in against a chair and over the seating surface thereof, said front legs spring-biased toward said "normal" positions;

said frame further including props, shorter than said front legs, extending down at the front of said frame to stand upon said seating surface when said table is pulled in over said seating surface.

2 (amended) A reading table as defined in claim 1, in which said front and back legs are telescoped for height adjustability among a discrete number of ~~snap-lock~~ positions, and said legs include casters on the bottom ends thereof.

3 (amended) A reading table as defined in claim 1, further including left and right levers pivotally mounted on left and right ends respectively of said frame ~~and spring-biased up against respective ratchets on the underside of said tabletop to releasably support said tabletop at a selected incline relative to said frame, said left and right levers operatively connected to each other to operate in unison~~, each of said levers engaging a ratchet on the underside of said tabletop to releasably support said tabletop at a selected incline relative to said frame.

4. A reading table as defined in claim 3, further including:

a crossbar on said tabletop, parallel to said front end thereof and slidable up and down thereon to position an object thereon; and

a hold-down slidable along said crossbar, said hold-down including a spring loaded arm biased downward on said tabletop and pivotable up and away from said tabletop.

5. A reading table as defined in claim 3, including

a crossbar on said tabletop, parallel to said front end thereof and slidable up and down thereon to position an object thereon; and

left and right hold-downs slidable along said crossbar, each said hold-down including a spring loaded arm biased downward on said tabletop and pivotable up and away from said tabletop.

6 (amended) A reading table, including:

a tabletop having front, back, left, and right ends, said front end supported on and connected to a frame for pivotal movement up and down among selected inclined positions;

said frame similarly having front, back, left, and right ends, and including a framework of generally orthogonal frame members supported on front and back legs, said legs telescoped for height adjustability among a discrete number of ~~snap-lock~~ positions;

left and right levers pivotally mounted on left and right ends respectively of said frame and spring-biased up against respective ratchets on the underside of said tabletop to releasably support said tabletop at a selected incline relative to said frame, ~~said left and right levers operatively connected to each other to operate in unison~~ ;

a crossbar on said tabletop, parallel to said front end thereof and slidable up and down thereon to position an object thereon; and

left and right hold-downs slidable along said crossbar, each said hold-down including a spring loaded arm biased downward on said tabletop and pivotable up and away from said tabletop.